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1. [redacted] Stara Zagora (45°22'N, 25°38'E), a centuries old town with a population of about 35 thousand in 1947. [Enclosure A is a sketch not drawn to scale, of Stara Zagora showing the location of the principal buildings. Numbers on the sketch are identified with the corresponding numbers listed below.]

- 1) City Hall. It was severely damaged by fire in 1944. [redacted] plans for the complete restoration of this structure had been made.
- 2-3) Metropolitan Metodi Street. This is the town's principal north and south street. The street is two lanes wide and of sufficient width to permit two US type automobiles to easily pass each other. The crown of the street provides excellent drainage. The street is paved with gravel. As shown on the sketch this street from 2) to 3) is about 2.5 kilometers long and it runs through the center of the town.
- 4-5) King Simeon Street. It is about the same width as Metropolitan Metodi Street but in addition that part running through the central business district for about one kilometer has a concrete sidewalk about four meters wide. This sidewalk is raised about six inches above the street level. This is the town's principal street and is part of the highway leading to Sofia. It is also paved with gravel.
- 6) Public square.
- 7) Association theatre.
- 8) District Court Building. This is a large stone building of five floors. I know it was built during World War II and I think it was completed in 1944.
- 9) Prison. This is built in the shape of a castle. It is located about five kilometers south of the public square.
- 10) District hospital. It has one large stone building of three floors and at least ten smaller buildings. It is located about two kilometers west of the square.
- 11) Post office, telephone and telegraph building. Stone construction, two floors. It was built in the 1920's. It is located about three blocks east and partly south of the city hall.

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- 12) Cathedral
- 13) Group of factories located about one kilometer east of the railroad station.
- 14) Group of factory buildings located about one-half kilometer directly south of the railroad station.
- 15) Old district court building. I do not remember what it is used for now.
- 16) National bank.
- 17) Army barracks. In the summers of 1947 this was used by the 12th Mountain Regiment. It is located on the extreme northern boundary of the town.
- 18) Army barracks. In the summers of 1947 it was used by an artillery regiment. It is located about one kilometer west of King Simeon Street (No 4).
- 19) Railroad station for passenger and freight trains.
- 20) This is a small airfield located about five kilometers south of the railroad station. It has no paved strips.

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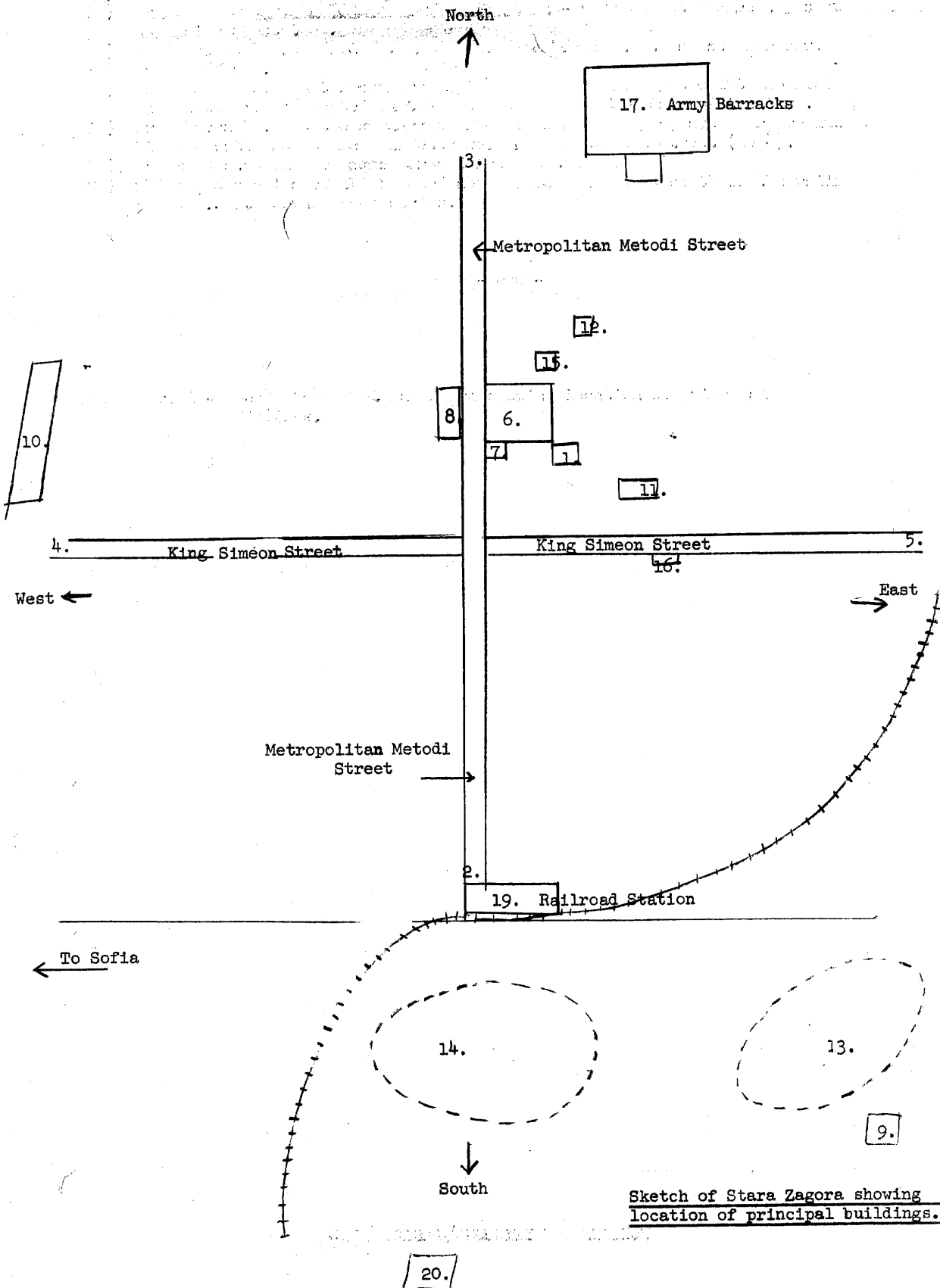
Enclosure A - Sketch map of Stara Zagora showing location of principal buildings.

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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SKETCH MAP OF STARA ZAGORA SHOWING LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS



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